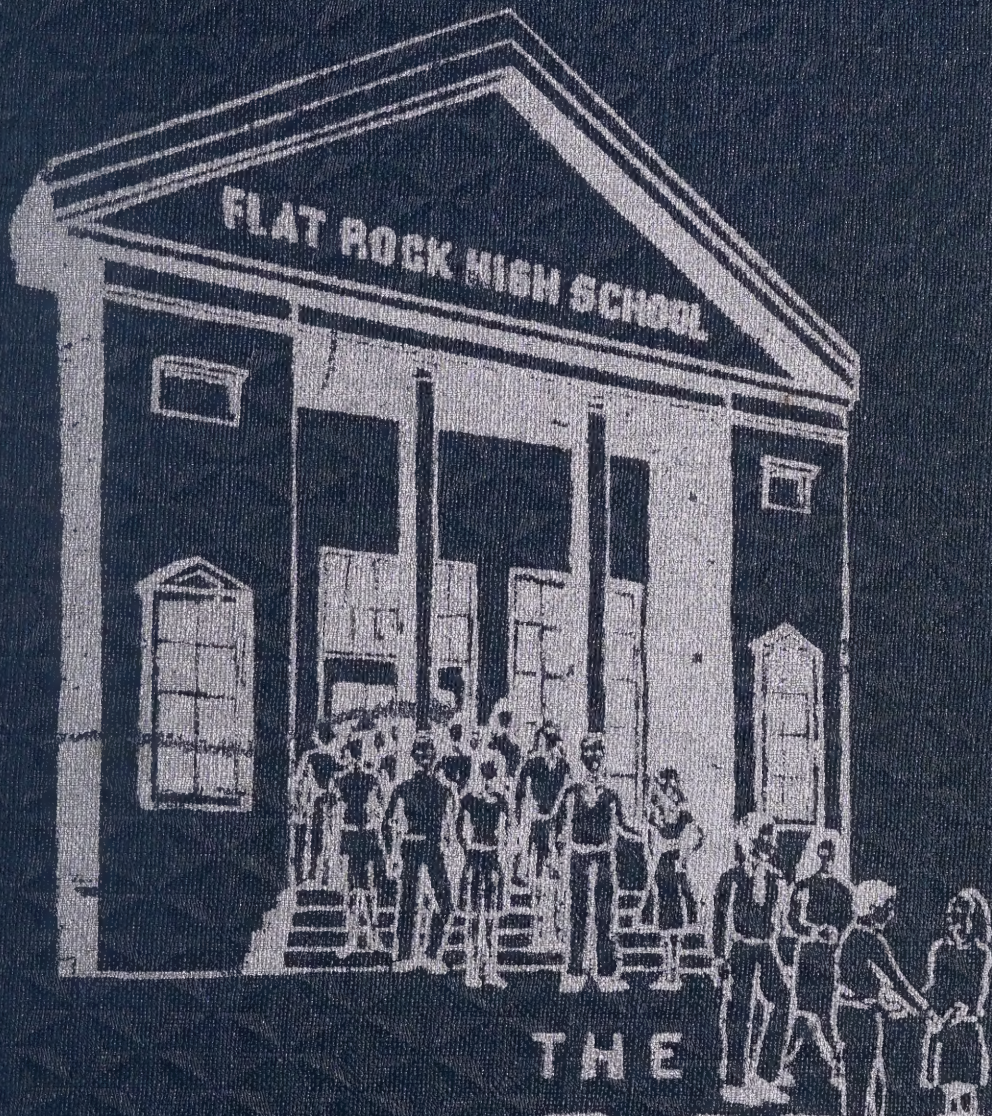




THE
PARADE

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*Hurrah for you, hail to you Flat Rock
High*

We love to sing your praises to the sky

Ever loyal, faithful, ever true

We make a pledge of loyalty unto you

*We stand for the best that's in the
world*

*The blue and white your banners we
unfurl*

*In every way we're working for your
name*

To guard your fame, Flat Rock High



T H E



1947 "PARADE"

Editor—Katherine Williams

Business Manager—Bobby Sherman

FLAT ROCK HIGH SCHOOL
FLAT ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA



Katherine Williams
Editor, 1947 "Parade"

When our high school days are over, an Annual provides the most valuable means of recalling all those happenings and persons that were once a part of our everyday life. The 1947 PARADE presents the school and its personalities. It is not confined to any one phase of school life, but presents a complete picture of all school activities.

As we leave the doors of our Alma Mater, may new doors of opportunity be opened. May we ever press forward and may each of us realize any worthy ambition we may now have.

As we, the graduating class of 1947, leave to take our places as adult citizens of our country, our future lives will prove whether or not we have really observed the principle of our school song, "We stand for the best that's in the world."

In later years, when school days are only a hazy memory, may we turn the pages of this book and recapture some of the lightheartedness which we now enjoy. The meaning of the true comradeship which high school life has brought will perhaps be clearer to us. Twenty years from now it will be interesting to look back over the Annual and compare our dreams now with those of the half-way mark in life.

The Editor



D E D I C A T I O N

We wish to dedicate this, the 1947 PARADE, to Miss Gardenia Osteen, who has given her time and talents to equip Flat Rock's students for their future. We dedicate this annual to you, Miss Osteen, in appreciation for your service.



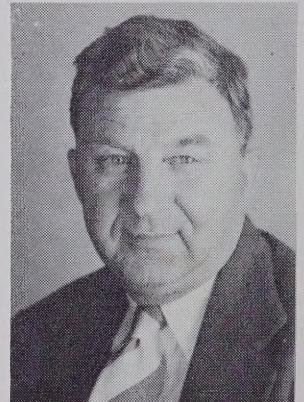
Principal's Message

I am sure that I am speaking for the entire faculty when I say that we have enjoyed having you as students during the past four years. We congratulate you.

Graduating from high school is quite an accomplishment at any time. You deserve more than just an ordinary commendation, since you have worked under more adverse circumstances than has any class in the history of the school. You stayed in school when very attractive positions were constantly before you. The war and the unsettled conditions which have followed it have made school work most difficult. We hope that you show the same strength of character in overcoming life's problems. Our best wishes go with you.

E. L. Justus

Mr. E. L. Justus, Principal

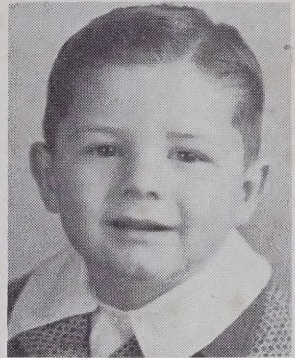
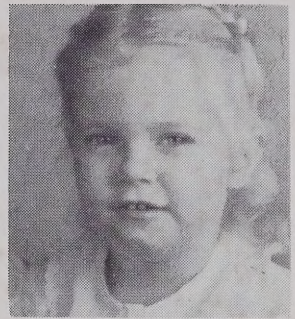


Mrs. Catherine Crawford
Mrs. Mary Anne Loflin

Miss Nell Crosby
Miss Gardenia Osteen

Mrs. Evelyn FitzPatrick
Mrs. Susie Sinclair

Mr. W. A. Franklin
Mrs. Mildred Smith



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

President-----Alta Mae Fowler Vice-President--Bobby Sherman
Secretary-----Grace Drake

CLASS MASCOTS

Mary Carmen Boys
Larry James Davis

THE SENIOR CLASSES

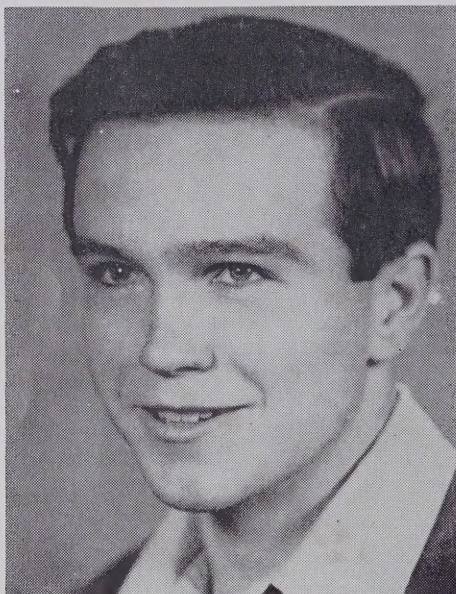
*Our school days now are in the past,
But pleasant mem'ries always last.
Our classmates are classmates no more,
But friendships last more years than four.*

*Our teachers here are of the best,
Although we gave them little rest.
Flat Rock has shown to all the world,
The Blue and White will wave unfurled.*

*When we have finished here our road,
And go to our prepared abode,
When our sojourn down here is done,
May fault found with our group be none.*

Valma Corne





Class

of

FAYE BANE

"Here's to one so jolly and gay; She smiles and drives our cares away."
C'47 Club, 3; Dramatics, 3; F.F.A., 3; Glee Club, 2; Softball, 3; Hobby, Reading and Collecting Pictures.

ELSIE BANE

"A lovely understanding smile, Imparting joy that lasts awhile."
C'47 Club, 3; Dramatics, 3; Hobby, Traveling.

OTIS CAMP

"Staunch, good natured, true and steady; When a friend is needed, he's always ready."

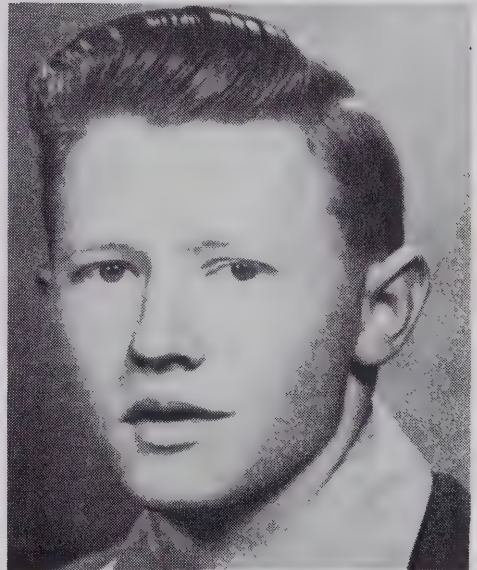
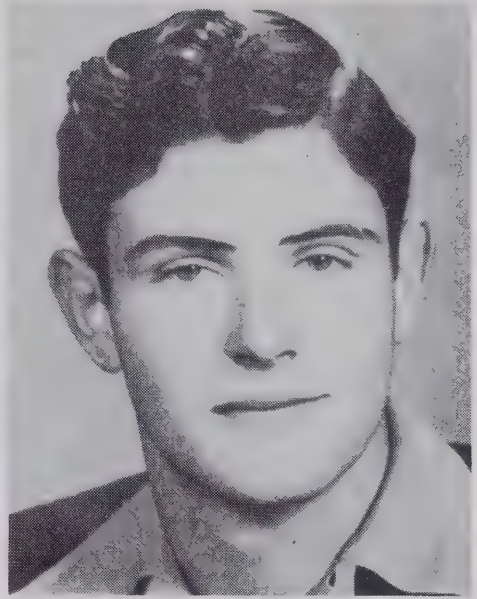
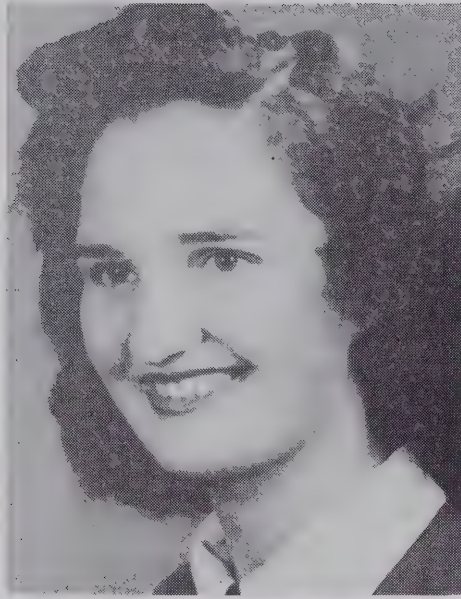
C'47 Club, 3; F.F.A., 1, 2, 3, 4; Class President, 3; Beta Club President, 3; Member, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics, 3; Tennis, 4; Rocket Staff, 1, 2, 4; Annual Staff, 4; Hobbies, Fishing and Hunting.

SARA CANTINI

"All her work is the best, and we cannot pretend that she isn't finest of all—a good friend."

C'47 Club, 3; Glee Club, 2; I.S.S., 3, 4; Dramatics, 3; Hobby, Music.

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MARGIE CASE

*"Her lovely face and manners demure
will make her successful—of that we're
sure."*

Glee Club, 2; C'47 Club, 3; Softball,
3; I.S.S., 3, 4; Hobbies, Music and
Reading.

VALMA CORNE

*"Those who like a lovely song, Could
listen to her all day long."*

Beta Club, 2, 3, 4; C'47 Club, 3; Glee
Club, 2; Rocket Staff, 1, 2, 4; Dra-
matics, 2; Red Cross, 1; Annual Staff,
4; Hobbies, Music and Reading.

RICHARD COLLINS

*"For Richard the girls are sure to fall,
As he is handsome, dark, and tall."*

F.F.A., 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball, 1, 2, 3, 4;
Dramatics, 2, 3; C'47 Club, 3; Hob-
bies, Hunting, Fishing, and Swimming.

CLAYTON CROOM

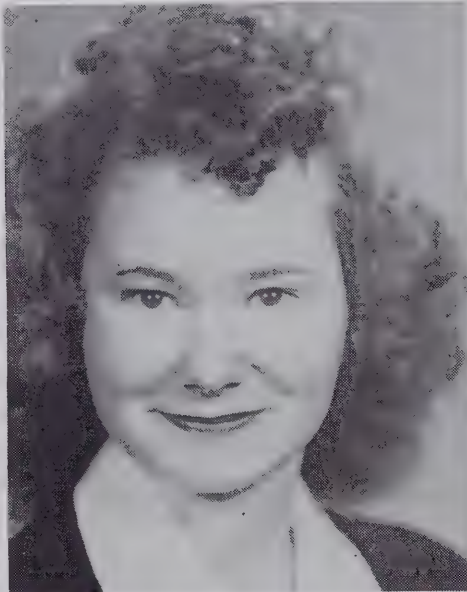
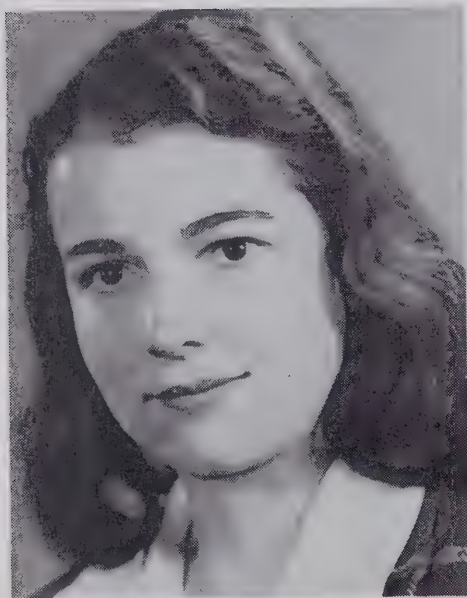
*"He plays a prank and then he grins.
When Croom arrives the fun begins."*

Class Treasurer, 2, 4; Basketball, 3,
; Softball, 1, 2, 3, 4; C'47 Club, 3;
Dramatics, 3, 4; Class Vice-President,
; Annual Staff, 4; Hobbies, Rolling
quare Marbles and Whistling at Good
ooking Women.



Class

of



GRACE DRAKE

"Because of her gaiety, laughter, and song, She'll always have friends though her life be long."

Class Secretary, 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club, 2, 3, 4; C'47 Club, 3; Dramatics, 4; F.F.A., 3; Basketball, 3, 4; Softball, 3, 4; Glee Club, 2; Rocket Staff, 1, 2, 4; Song Leader, 4; Hobby, Swimming.

JOYCE HISEY

"Original, vivacious, sweet and cute, As bright as the sun is her good repute."
Softball, 2; C'47 Club, 3; Dramatics, 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club, 2; I.S.S., 4; Tennis, 4; Hobbies, Flying and Skating.

DIXIE GIBBS

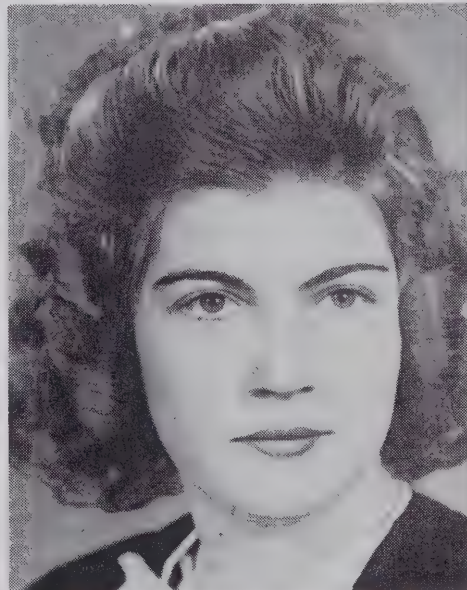
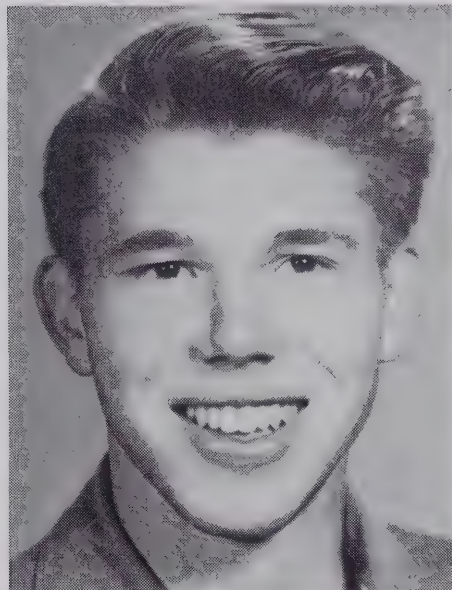
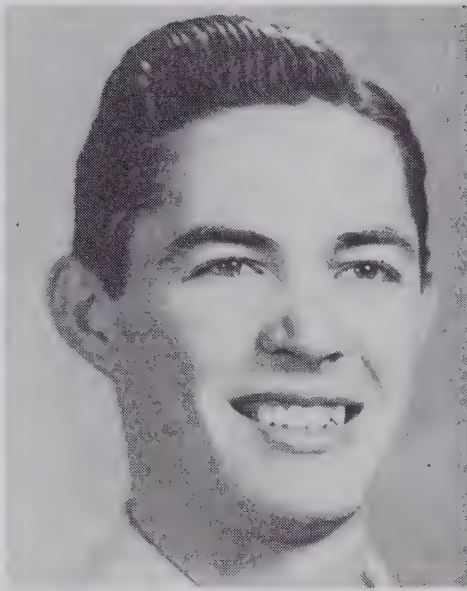
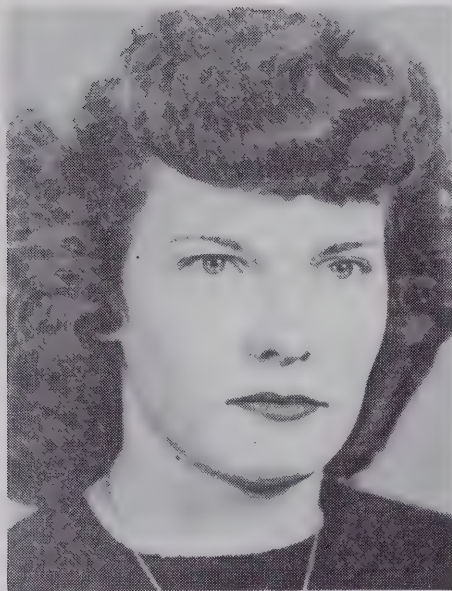
"She's sincere and friendly—Right or Wrong, She'll debate any question all day long."

Beta Club President, 4; Member, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club, 2; C'47 Club, 3; Dramatics, 1, 2, 3, 4; Rocket Staff, 1, 2; I.S.S., 3, 4; Annual Staff, 4; Hobby, Dancing.

GENEVA HYDER

"Geneva's one of those people rare, Naive, humorous, free from care."
C'47 Club, 3; 4-H Club, 2; Hobbies, Loafing and Stamp Collecting.

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RUBY JOHNSON

"She's quiet and lovely, sedate and sweet, intelligent, capable, tidy and neat."

Beta Club, 2, 3, 4; C'47 Club, 3; 4-H Club, 1; Glee Club, 2; Dramatics, 2; Hobby, Traveling.

GLENN KENT

"'Cause his humor's never failing and his loyalty can't end, We'd like to claim him always as a friend."

Navy, 3 years; Signalman; F.F.9., 1, 2, 3; Annual Staff, 4; Softball, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 2, 3, 4; Hobbies, Galloping Dominos, Collecting Guns, and Girls.

V. T. JONES

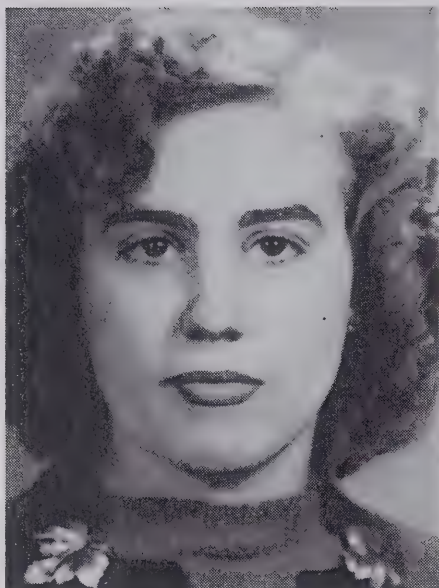
"His smile is broad and not too rare; Always he's free from care."

U.S.M.C., '44-'45; Police M.P., Chief Mess Officer, Automatic Weapon Operator; C'47 Club, 3; F.F.A., 1, 4; Hobby, Tennis.

ALTA MAE LAUGHTER

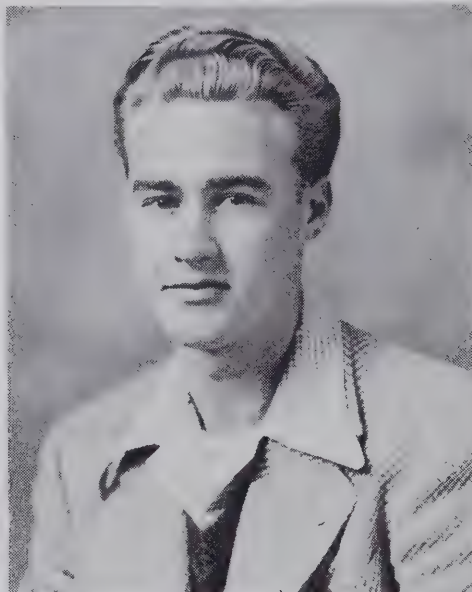
"A willing worker when work's to be done, From the hardships of life she'll never run."

Class President, 4; Softball, 1, 2; C'47 Club, President, 3; Glee Club, 2; Dramatics, 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff, 4; Hobbies, Acting, Collecting Perfume, and Boys.



Class

of



CONNIE LAUGHTER

"Sincere and kind in every way, The same tomorrow and today."

C'47 Club, 3; I.S.S., 4; Glee Club, 2; Hobby, Flying.

RUTH LAUGHTER

"Industrious, capable, loving of truth —She's just such a girl as should be named Ruth."

C'47 Club, 3; I.S.S., 4; Dramatics, 3; Hobbies, Music and Reading.

CHARLES LOCKABY

"Always smiling, never cross; Through life, he's never at a loss."

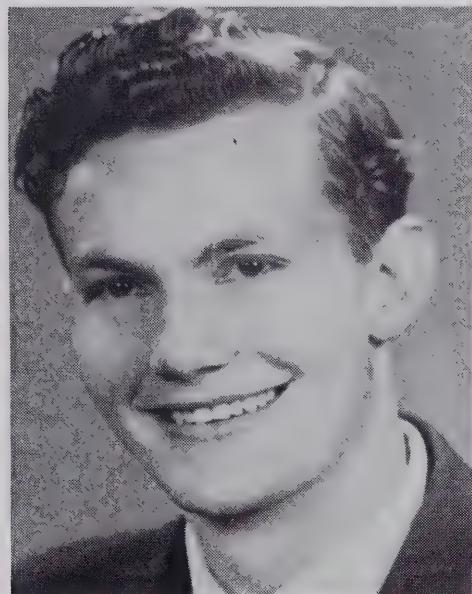
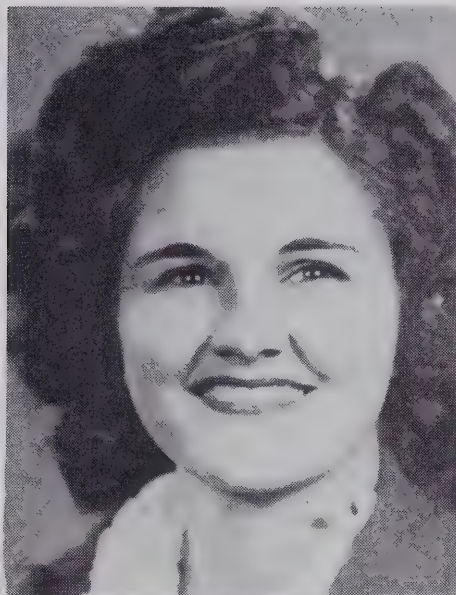
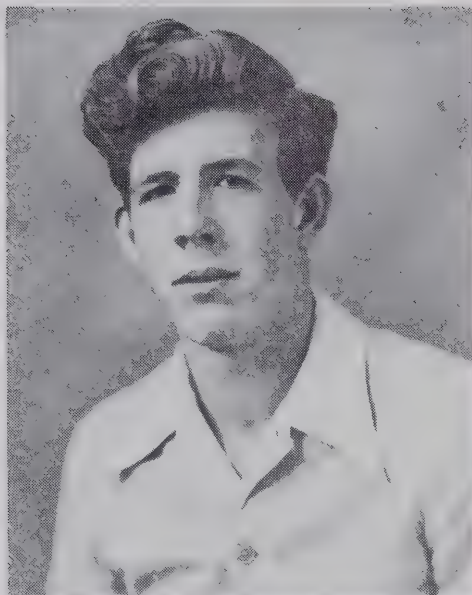
Dramatics, 3; Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club, 1, 2; C'47 Club, 3; Softball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver, 2, 3, 4; Hobbies, Girls and Traveling.

RALPH MIDDLETON

"A fast ball and personality too, Puts Ralph among the all-around few."

U.S. Navy, '43-'46, Baker; F.F.A., 1, 4; Dramatics, 2; Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Hobby, Music.

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FORREST NASH

*"A fellow as bright and friendly as he,
In life should very successful be."*
F.F.A., 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball, 2, 3, 4;
Hobby, Girls.

ARZELLA NEWSOME

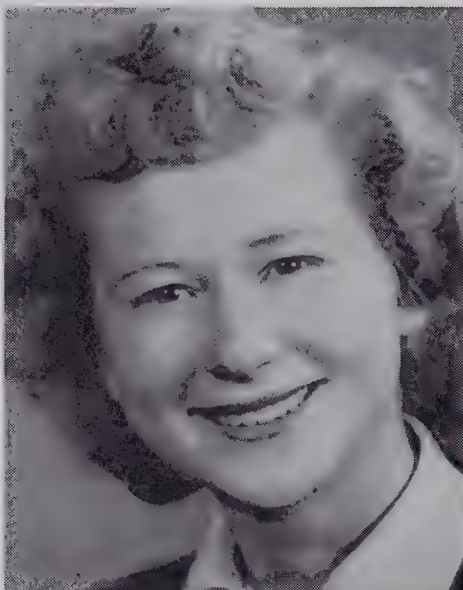
*"Her twinkling eyes and constant smile
—Will brighten the thoughts in mem-
ory's file."*
Dramatics, 2; Glee Club, 2; Tennis, 4;
4-H Club, 1; Hobbies, Traveling, Hiking,
and Collecting Keepsakes.

WALKER LEE NEWSOME

*"A gay Romeo is Walker Lee—Around
him a host of friends will ever be."*
U. S. Navy, '43-'46, Radar Operator;
Dramatics, 3; F.F.A., 1, 2; C'47 Club,
3; Basketball, 2, 3, 4; Hobby, Making
Friends.

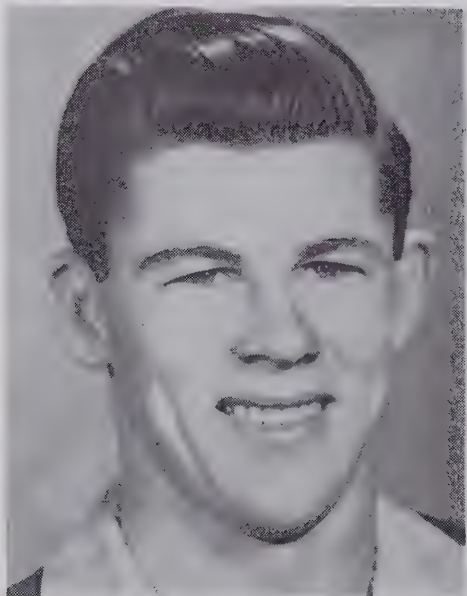
EDITH PACE

*"Vivacious, friendly, and witty is Pace
—Her spontaneous merriment at every
place."*
Dramatics, 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 2, 3;
Softball, 2, 3; Glee Club, 2; Annual
Staff, 4; Song Leader, 4; F.F.A., 3;
Hobbies, Skating and Sailors.



Class

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WILLAVENE PACE

"Sweet, quiet, ambitious, sincere. Willavene's a jewel and such a dear."

Beta Club, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics, 2; Softball, 2; C'47, 3; Glee Club, 2; F.F.A., 3; Hobby, Music.

JULIA PAGE

"Julia is capable, dependable too—Persons like her are only too few."

C'47 Club, 3; Dramatics, 2; I.S.S., 3, 4; Softball, 3; Hobby, Music.

DEWEY PATTERSON

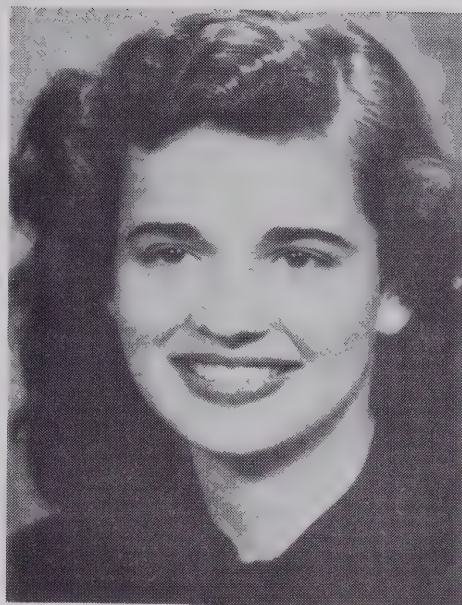
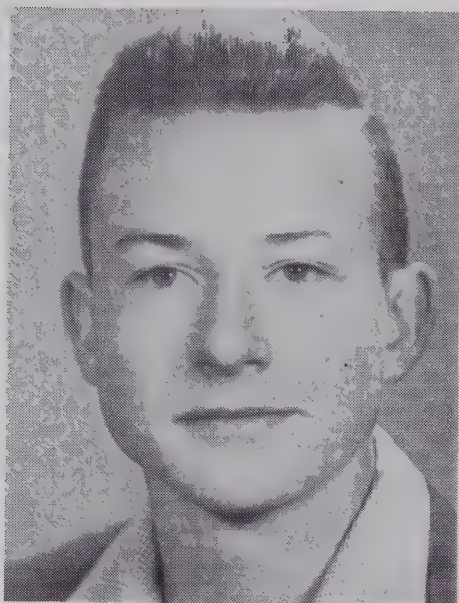
"He has loads of life, and vim, and pep—May this always be his rep."

Basketball, 1, 2, 3; F.F.A., 1, 2, 3, 4; C'47, 3; Hobby, Shooting Billiards and Playing Twenty-One.

HELEN PARRIS

"Helen is always sweet and kind, The friend we always like to find."

C'47 Club, 3; Hobbies, Music and Reading.



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BOBBY SHERMAN

*"Light-hearted, gay and full of fun,
Then he's serious when there's work
to be done."*

Basketball, 3, 4; Rocket Staff, 1, 2;
Dramatics, 3, 4; C'47 Club, 3; Beta
Club, 3, 4; Annual Staff, 4; Class Pre-
sident, 2; Class Vice-President, 3, 4;
Hobby, Good-Looking Women.

VERA WHITESIDES

*"A lovely, charming girl is she, We'll
always think of her pleasantly."*

Beta Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics, 3;
Softball, 3, 4; Basketball, 3, 4; Glee
Club, 1; Hobby, Chewing Gum and
Traveling.

KATHARINE WILLIAMS

*"Katharine is dignified; but, never fear, Her
friendly good nature is more than sincere."*

C'47 Club, 3; F.F.A., 3; Glee Club, 2; Class
Vice-President, 1; Annual Staff, 4; Dramatics,
1, 4; Hobbies, Music and Reading.

Valedictory

By

KATHERINE WILLIAMS

Classmates, as the time has come for us to pause in Life's busy day and say farewell to these familiar haunts, to these teachers whom we have learned to love, and to each other, we have feelings both of sadness and gladness. We are sad as we realize that we are writing "Finis" at the close of one chapter in Life's Book; but this is not the end but the Commencement of our lives. What our lives are to be depends greatly upon the foundations we have been building for them in our High School years. We are happy to know that we have completed our course of study here and have climbed one step higher in the heights of knowledge.

Teachers, at this time we wish to thank you for everything you have done for us and for your patience and guidance during these four years of high school; and we trust that in the future Flat Rock High School will be glad to claim its former students.

As we separate, may we be fired with a zeal and determination to do with a cheerful heart the work that God appoints, and to be worthy citizens of the greatest republic and the grandest nation in all the world.

To all that's dear to us we cannot say good-bye but rather adieu until we meet again.



Salutatory

By

DIXIE GIBBS



The garden of the world is a paradise of miracles and wonders that only those who have their inner sight wide open to the infinite mysteries of life may ever recognize. In every tiny seed is the eternal glory of creation; in every blossom, the promise of the greater possibility of which the fruit is the perfect fulfillment. Someone has written: "A poppy seed—it lies in the hand, a grain of dust, motionless, unlovely, dead. Yet think what it holds! The cool grey-green of upward-springing stalks and leaves; the compact calyx, studded with its hundreds of protecting hairs; and within, crumpled like a baby's hand, the exquisite, shining silk of gorgeous petals—sunset-rose, faint, misty white, bold, magnificent scarlet—all this in an atom of dust."

Tonight, we, as a class, are just pushing out from the tiny seed to grow upward into the perfect expression of maturer life. All these years we have been sheltered in from the tiny sphere of the seedling, protected by the shell from the rougher elements of the soil and air and played upon by every nourishing force that was necessary for our unfoldment. Within ourselves has lain dormant every possibility our future may be able to manifest. No effort of Nature has been spared to awaken each spark of life in us to individual expression, and to assist the vital thing within to come forth at this time to manifest to the world the wonderful reality of its being.

Is it not we who are outsiders, seeking for admission to your association and favor? Is it not we, who, though we have now the pleasure and privilege of entertaining you for an hour at this turn of the road, must yet step forth and demand our share in all that has been yours for so long?

Then, while we do truly thank you most humbly for coming, and trust you may have every cause to long remember with a thrill of pleasure the associations of this hour, we yet feel that we must also ask your forbearance and kindly sympathy, and crave from each of you as we step forth into your midst, the warm handshake and cordial smile that will assure us of your joy at bidding us welcome.



LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

State: North Carolina
County: Henderson
Township: Flat Rock

We, the members of the class of 1947, having struggled through four years of hard, gruelling labor at Flat Rock, and having learned so much (what am I saying??!!) leave our most cherished possessions to the rest of the school:

Possession I.

The Seniors of 1947 will their chief talents, Post Office and "21", perfected after years of diligent practice, to the following class.

The English class leaves sound-proof walls and ceilings to Mrs. Loflin's Classes.

We gladly leave the battered old radiator in the Science Lab, which banged our brains out in Economics Class, to the sufferers of 1947-48.

To Miss Crosby's Home Economics Department, we leave a bushel of bobbins and all the needles in the world; and we just dare one to "accidentally" walk out of the door.

To the Science Laboratory, we leave some desks which can be fastened to the floor, due to angry complaints that the old ones often walked out of their places.

To Mrs. Sinclair's Typing classes we leave all the typewriters to anyone that she may count upon making those, Oh! how dreaded, honor rolls. She'll need 'em too.

Mrs. Crawford's second year French class leaves its amazing versions of the lessons to the next year's class.

The boys in the Physics class leave their "uplifting" stories, which are softly whispered, to the next year's Physics class.

To Mrs. Sinclair and her homeroom, we leave all those, Oh! how nicely behaved, Juniors, hoping they won't forget to "drop" by homeroom in the morning.

In gratitude for her entertaining French Classes, the second year class leaves Mrs. Crawford a brand-new-custom built radiator to sit on while knitting.

Possession II.

Richard Collins bequeaths those perfectly "heart-breaking" ways to any Junior who can get by with them.

Ralph Middleton wills those flirtatious eye-lashes to Roy Duncan, and that most becoming "mustache" to Perry Fisher.

Glenn Kent, Ralph Middleton, and Walker Newsome gladly leave their Navy careers to any seventeen year old suckers.

V. T. Jones leaves his way with the teachers to Betty Jo Beddingfield and Clara Mae Orr.

Geneva Hyder leaves her "blushing cheeks" to anyone who has the same trouble.

Ruth Laughter leaves her brilliance in bookkeeping to anyone less fortunate in the following class.

Elsie Bayne wills her quietness to Frances Justus. Make use of the bequeathment, Frances.

Glenn Kent leaves his "razor" to anyone who thinks he can get up in the morning, shave, eat, and catch the school bus.

Vera Whitesides bequeaths her title, "The Most Beautiful Girl at Flat Rock High," to Jane Ella Bell.

Arzella Newsome leaves her neatness to Vernia Heatherly. "To be sweet, you must keep neat."

Bobby Sherman, Glenn Kent, Charles Lockaby, and Clayton Croom, leave their song entitled "My Aunt has Tuberculosis," to those Junior boys who have singing ability equal to theirs.

Dewey Patterson bequeaths his "perfect attendance" record to Clarence Kilpatrick. Keep up the good record, Clarence.

Dixie Gibbs wills her ability to out-talk the teachers to any Junior who is optimistic enough to try it.

Faye (Lard) Bane leaves her "figure" to Katherine Powell. Keep it well "rounded," Kat.

Walker Newsome reluctantly wills his success with the girls to William Morrison. Don't get "Chicken," Willy.

Joyce Hisey wills her "giggles" in French class to Verda Shipman. You'll have to giggle loudly to beat her, Verda.

Alta Mae Laughter, feeling very sympathetic, leaves her big mouth to Clara Mae Orr.

Charles Lockaby leaves his bus to anyone who can get it out of "Turkeypaw Holler" early enough. Take it away, boys!

Katherine Williams leaves her dignity to some of those "Wild" Juniors.

Ruby Johnson leaves her office job to anyone who cares to run their legs off hunting Mr. Justus.

Edith Pace leaves her "Love for Navy" to any Junior who can get that sweet love.

Willavene Pace leaves her shorthand notes to Verda Shipman.

Connie Laughter wills her sweet and wonderful personality to Joyce Huggins.

Otis Camp, feeling very sorrowful, leaves his excellent grades to Norman Jones and Darrell Hammett, knowing they will need them.

Grace Drake wills her beautiful sweaters to anyone who can figure out what's on them. Woo! Woo!

Julia Page wills her flaming passion for Guy Madison to anyone who can surpass her in collecting his pictures.

Forrest Nash leaves his ability to play the piano, which he keeps to himself, to all those who refuse to play in chapel.

Sarah Cantini wills her dislike for boys to Dovie Stepp. Go to it, Dovie.

Margie Case leaves her ability to receive expensive jewelry from old bachelors to Velma Toney.

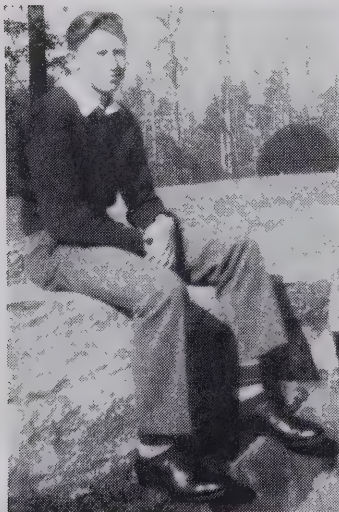
Bobby Sherman leaves his sweet and innocent look to Robert Lockaby.

Clayton Croom wills his reputation as a heart-breaker to Herbert Justus. Watch it, Herbert.

Valma Corne leaves those lovely manners to Sylvia Corne. Keeping it in the family, you know.

In witness there-of, the Class of '47 has to this will, written on one sheet of paper bag (carefully salvaged from the waste can), set its hand and seal this twenty-first day of January, Anno Domini, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

Clayton Croom,
Testator.



CLASS PROPHECY

As I gaze soulfully into my (t)rusty old crystal ball, I see the Senior Class of 1947 doing some very odd and exciting things some ten or twenty years hence.

The first person to come into view in this magic sphere is Clayton Croom, very harassed with managing his huge chain of shoe-repairing stores.

"Fading in" now is—RICHARD COLLINS!!! And he's handing out autographed pictures of himself to swooning bobby-soxers in front of M-G-M studios. And look who's standing beside him! Why, it's Vera Whitesides—"Miss America—1947."

Now I see Gracie Drake, the darling of New York Cafe Society, buying a new mirror at Sak's. Seems her old one is covered with scratches from her engagement rings.

My, what a lovely country landscape I see in this crystal ball! But here comes Charles Lockaby rattling by in his Greyhound bus. Quite a change from the orange and silver job he drives now.

Judging by the insignia on his resplendent Marine uniform as it appears in the crystal ball, V. T. Jones will be another of those history-making 4-star generals.

Next vision to appear in the prophetic sphere is Dixie Gibbs, Senator from North Carolina. She's famous now that she has "out-filibustered" Senator Bilbo. Those in a position to know say she plans to try and oust President Otis Camp from the White House come next election.

Got a glimpse of Joyce Hisey as she flew by "barnstorming" in her hopped-up P-38.

Why, there's Glenn Kent, the famous author of *How to Win Friends and Influence Teachers* or *How to Make a Moonshine Still*. He is lying under the old apple tree, dictating his tenth dime novel to his secretary, Ruby Johnson. Conversing with him is Margie Case, author of the highly successful *How We Live on Pigs-Feet and Turnip Greens*.

Geneva Hyder, Inspector No. 999999, is giving Sara Cantini's factory for manufacturing "chocolate covered onions" the once-over.

What's that big building? And who are these two harassed girls doing the work? Connie and Ruth Laughter, co-owners and operators of Dixie-Dime Store.

Seems that Julia Page is following in her mother's footsteps. That white nurse's uniform is going to be very becoming. And working in the same hospital is another fine nurse, Elsie Bayne.

My, look at Bobby Sherman in that big office surrounded by secretaries and clerks. And no wonder! He is the much-loved-by-the-children author of funny books. His latest—"Croom-face vs. The Penguin."

Walker Newsome seems to be affiliated with THE

ACME TWINE CO. They use that "line" of his for making string.

Katherine Williams has founded the highly exclusive Musical Academy for Girls.

Mrs. Gerald Fowler, or simply Alta Mae Laughter, seems to be very busy with her children. Also worrying with her triplets is the former Arzella Newsome. Ralph Middleton, in his usual good-natured way, furnishes all these housewives with bread from his bakery.

Dewey Patterson, still in school clothes, appears sitting disconsolately on the steps of Georgia Tech. He's trying to obtain admittance on the merits of his high school attendance record.

Thinking of their constant friendship at Flat Rock, the door labeled "Pace, Pace, and Bane, Attorneys-at-Law" is no surprise. Edith, Williavene and Faye are bound to stick together.

I don't suppose that Sherlock Holmes will be spoken of any more. Forrest Nash, DETECTIVE EXTRAORDINARY, complete with checkered hat and magnifying glass, appears scanning the glass in the crystal ball for the clues to his latest case.

Valma Corne is looking very lovely sitting at that grand piano, soloing with the New York Philharmonic at Carnegie Hall.

I can easily see in my crystal ball where most of us will be during and after this life, but restrictions on language and prophesying prevent any further printed comments.

Dixie Gibbs.



CLASS COMPLAINTS

Before we get the green light from good 'ole Flat Rock High there are just one or two things we'd like to know. (Will someone please answer instead of counting them?)

First of all, did Mr. Justus sign a contract with Mrs. Fitzpatrick stating that first period would be eliminated under no circumstances, including an air raid?

If we must include English in our High School studies, why must we have the likes of Mrs. Loflin as teacher? The only English our male population can think of is such expressions as "WOW", "Holy Cow", and a few others rarely used in good literature.

If Miss Osteen must ring the bell each day, why must she use an alarm clock that gains fifteen minutes each night and loses an hour each day?

In speaking of Mr. Justus we reverently inquire; must he be partial to red-heads? We won't have it, Mr. Justus; we'll dye first.

Another thing we wish to inquire about is Mrs. Crawford's lunchroom privileges. She's no better than we, so why is she permitted to eat from the garbage can while we are forced to eat whatever our lunchroom ladies decide to dish out?

And why, if the Home Economics girls can have sewing machines to play with and stoves to make those delicate eatables, can't the boys have billiard tables and slot machines in the Agriculture Building to pass a few odd moments in a likewise pleasant manner?

And why, may we ask, does the fifth period Physics Class have to be the County's Book-keepers by figuring how much it costs to operate our buses, keep them in repair, and an accurate account of their passengers, who they are, where they live, etc. We ask you, Mr. Justus, "Is that Physics?"

Please, can't someone convince Mrs. Sinclair that being excused from school is a much better head-ache remedy than an aspirin and a few minutes on the office couch?

With the gymnasium roof full of holes, lighting system ka-flooy, heating system composed of two over-size laundry heaters, bleachers all splinters and nails, we usually end each game with a greater showing of underwear than school spirit. Until these casualties cease we suggest as our theme song: "Roll Out The Barrel."

If anything gets on our nerves it's a scratching or squeek. Won't some student work up enough nerve to

ask Mrs. Crawford to wear clothes that won't screech while sliding up and down a radiator?

How can we be duly proud of our high school with a boarding house for pigs decorating the south-end of our soft-ball field? May we, dear authorities, have permission to build a Bar-B-Q stand in front of Mr. Franklin's pig pen?

Jitterbugging, jumping rope, screaming, yelling, and flirting is all right in its place, but Miss Crosby is a teacher and should be reprimanded for such conduct on the school property—Don't you think so?

We'd like to be sacred enough to ask about some Biblical character, so—Wouldn't Noah be surprised if he knew that Flat Rock High has preserved well and is still using the furniture he had in the Ark?

With all this on the records, Heaven pity the senior who makes a point of returning next year for an advanced course. But, teachers, please have yourselves referred to as ladies and gentlemen through-out the years that follow by taking advantage of the implied suggestions of the foregoing complaints.

Glenn Kent.





BETA CLUB

President-----Dixie Gibbs Vice-President-----Valma Corne
Secretary-----Dovie Stepp

Center, left to right: Dixie Gibbs, Roy Duncan, Ruby Johnson.

Semi-circle, left to right: Otis Camp, Verda Shipman, Dovie Stepp, Vera Whitesides, Grace Drake, Sponsor, Miss Crosby, Willavene Pace,

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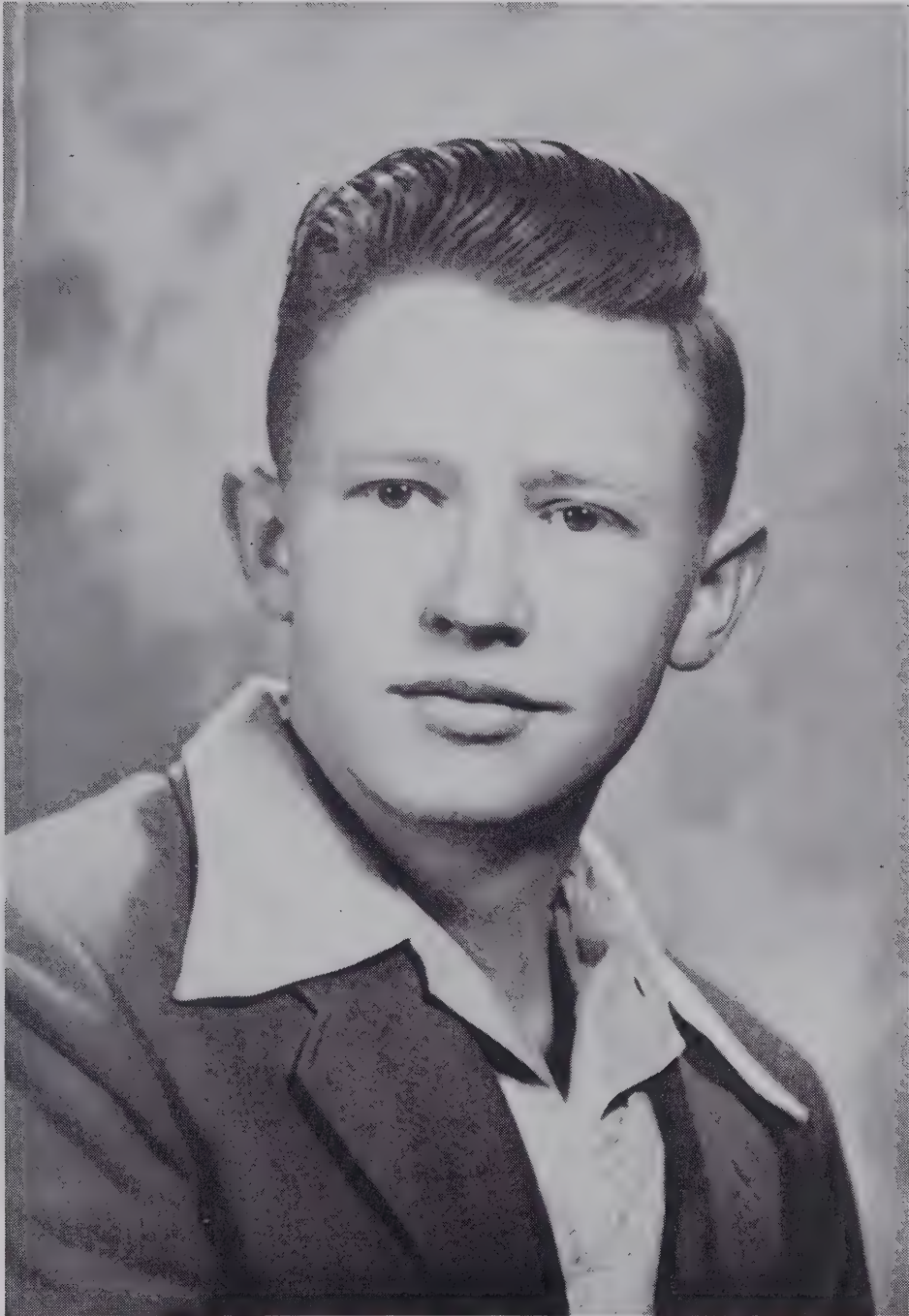
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Editor-in-Chief-----Grace Drake



VERDA SHIPMAN

The School prizes these students



CLAYTON CROOM

highly for their winning personality



Left to right: Bobby Sherman, Edith Pace, Clayton Croom, Grace Drake, Charles Lockaby, Vera Whitesides.

SENIOR

Prettiest.....Vera Whitesides
 Most Popular.....Edith Pace
 Cutest.....Joyce Hisey
 Best All-round.....Grace Drake
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 Most Witty.....Alta Mae Laughter
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Not Pictured.....Virgil T. Jones

Left to right: Walker Lee Newsome, Valma Corne, Dewey Patterson, Margie Case, Ralph Middleton, Alta Mae Fowler.





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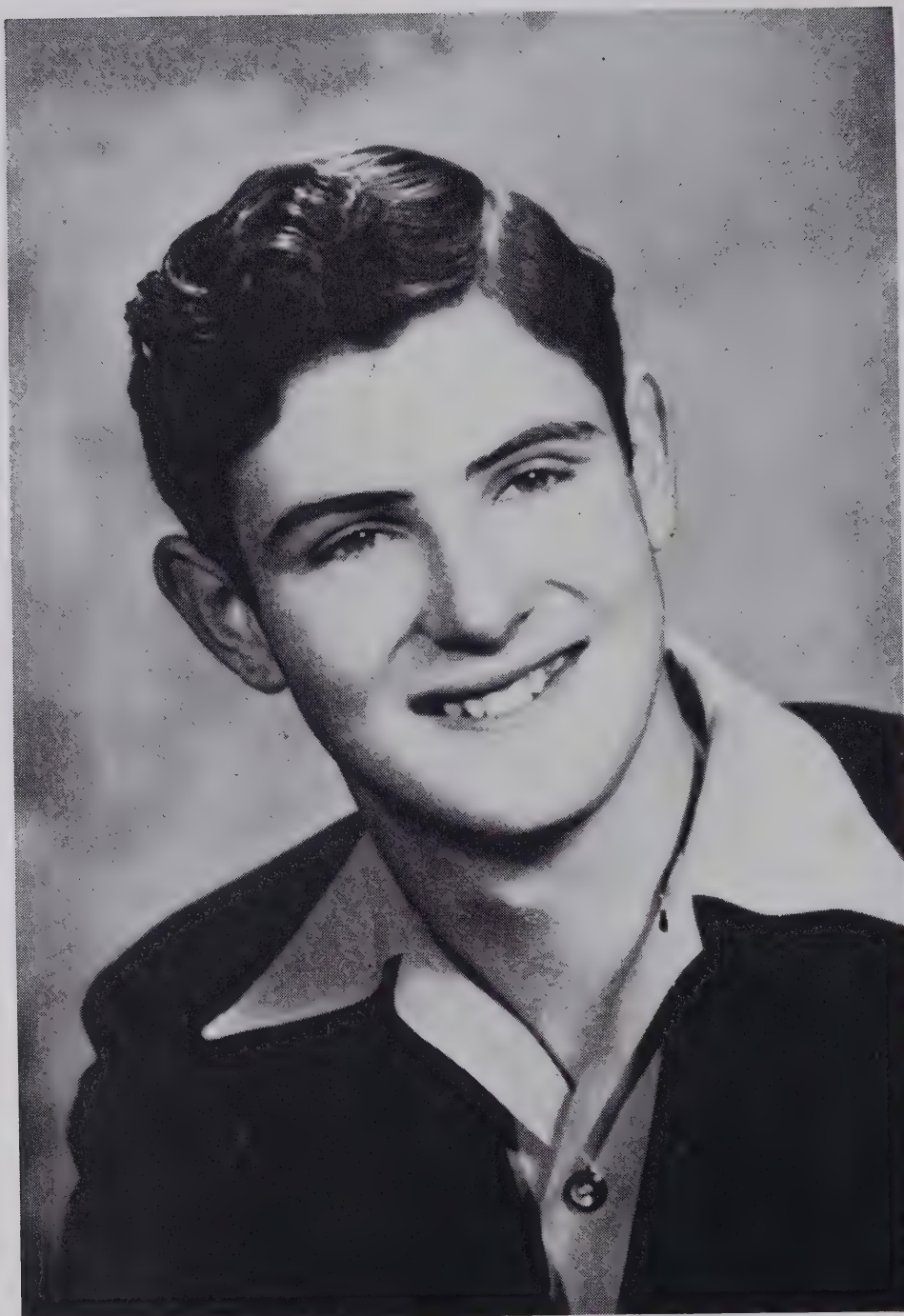
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 Most Likable-----Joyce Hisey
 Best Manners-----Katherine Williams

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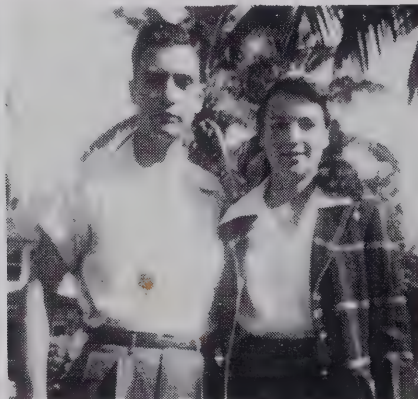
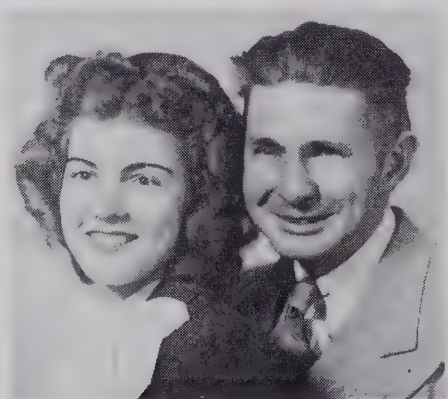
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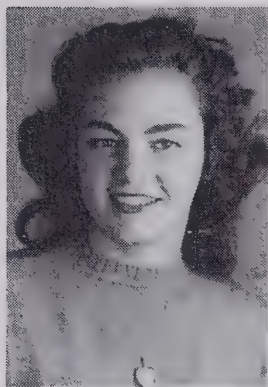
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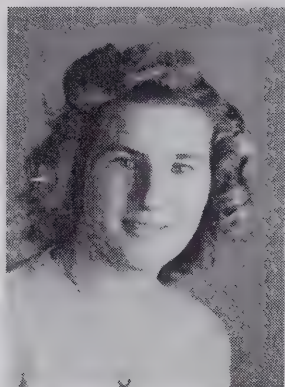
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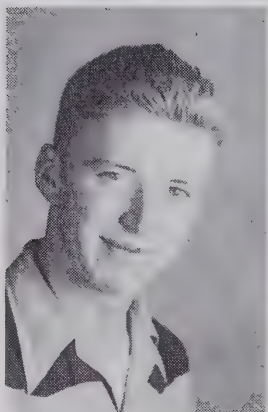
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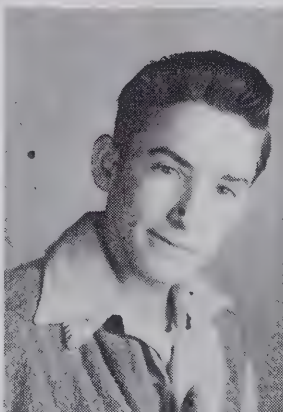
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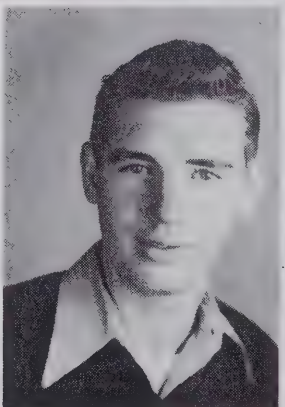
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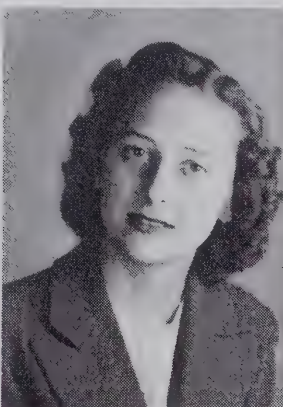
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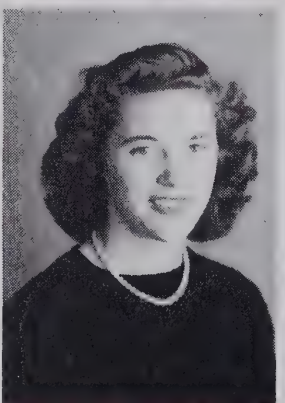
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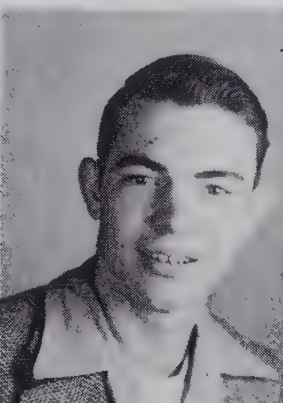
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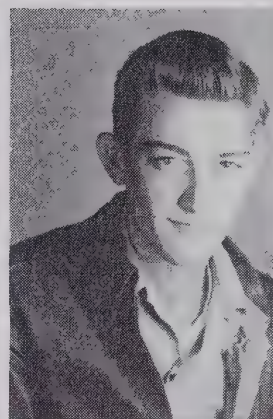
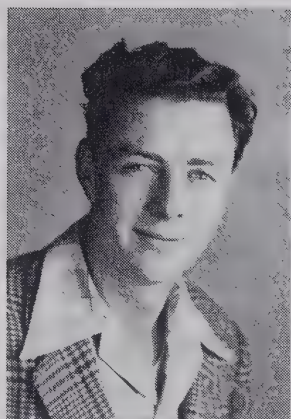


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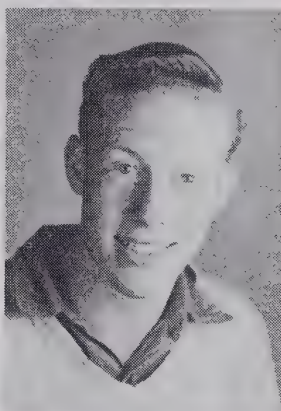
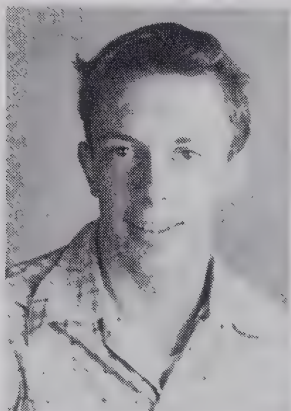
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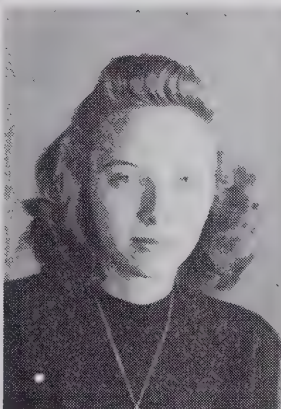
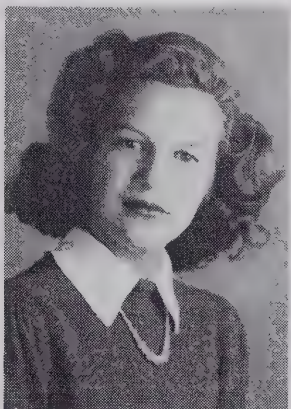
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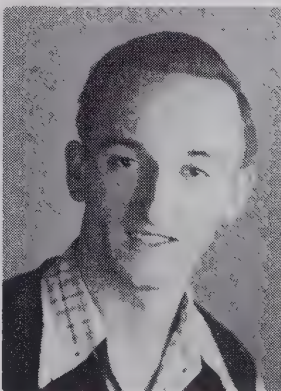
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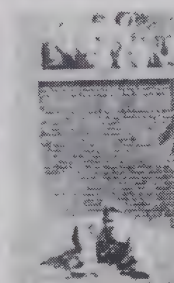
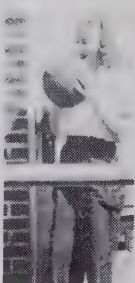
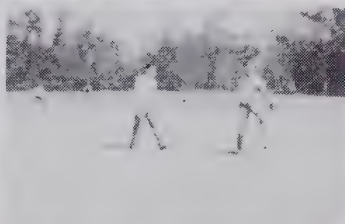
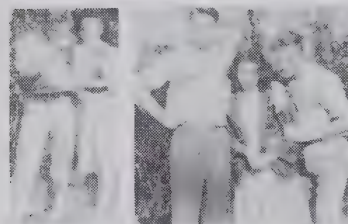
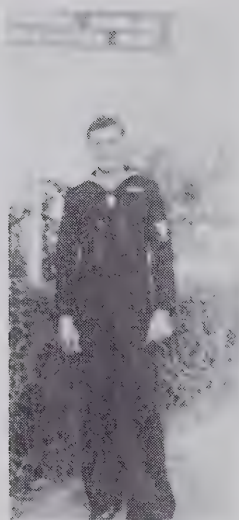


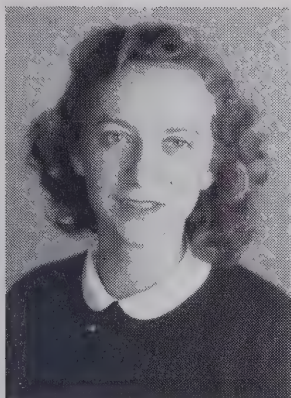
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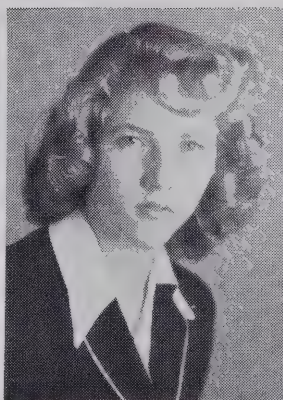
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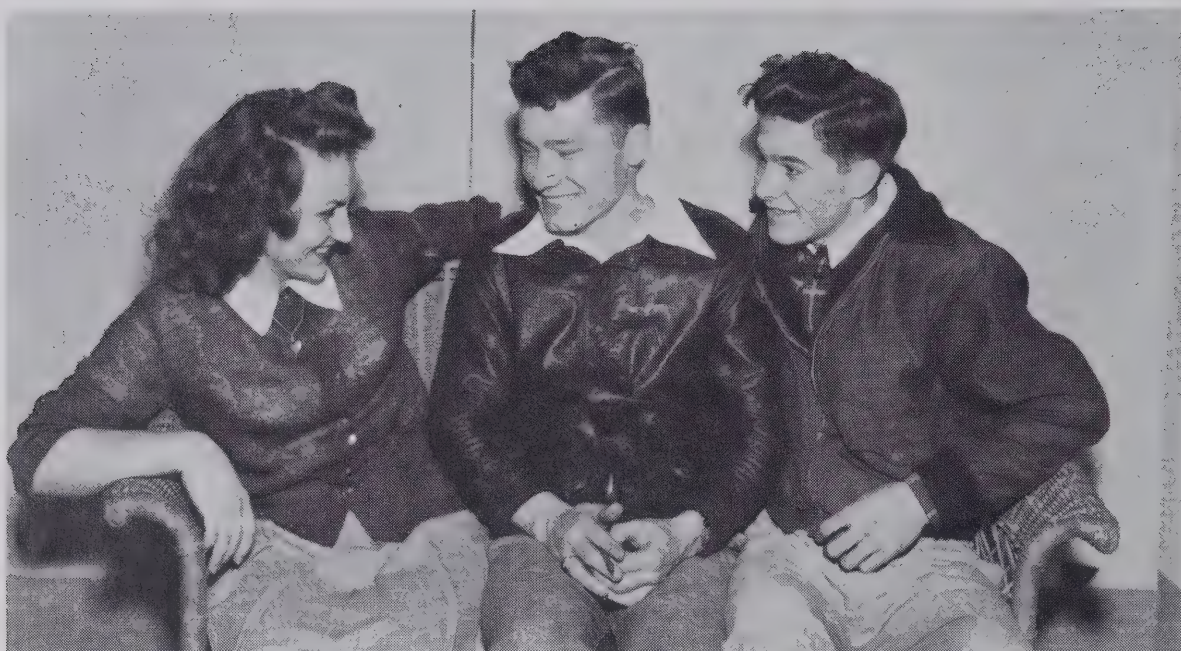
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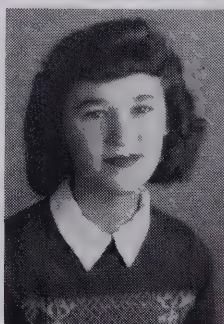
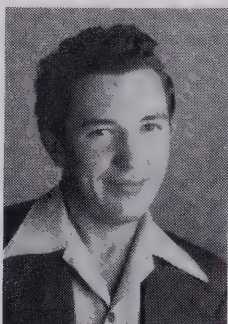
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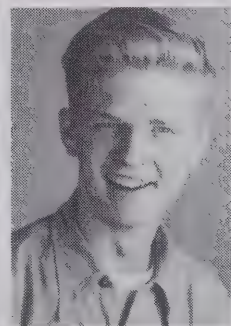
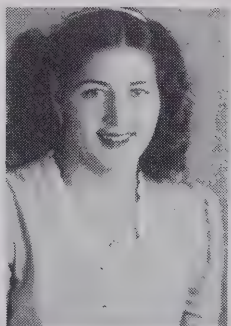
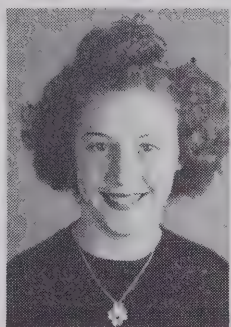
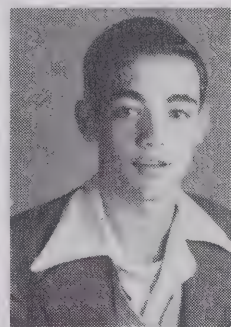
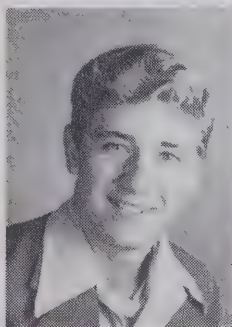
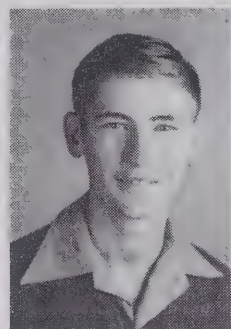
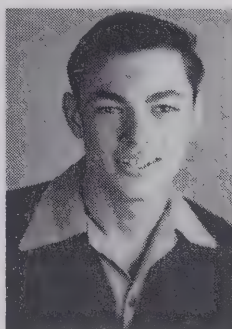
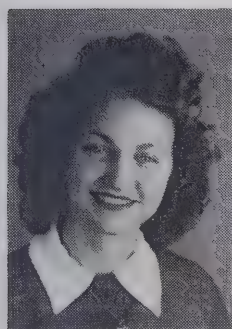


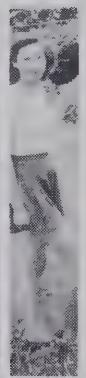
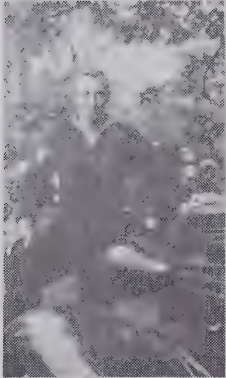
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THE FRESHMAN CLASS

Rachel Ballard

Betty Jean Bishop

Norma Blythe





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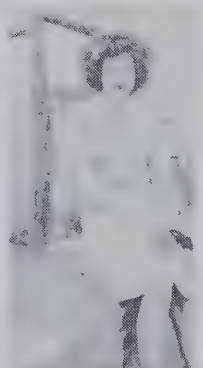
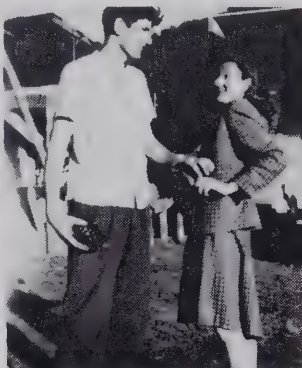
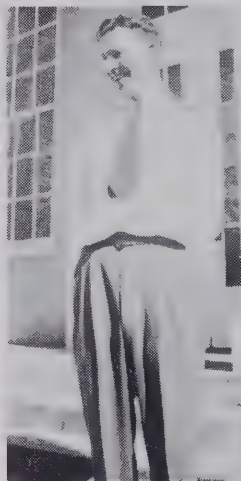
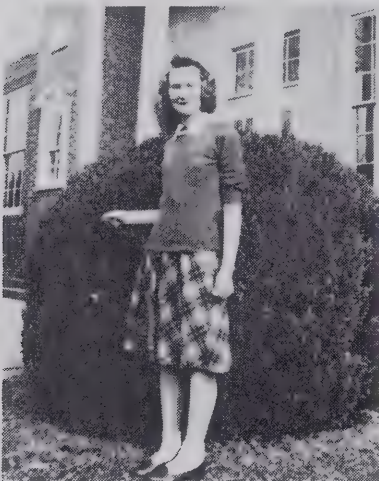
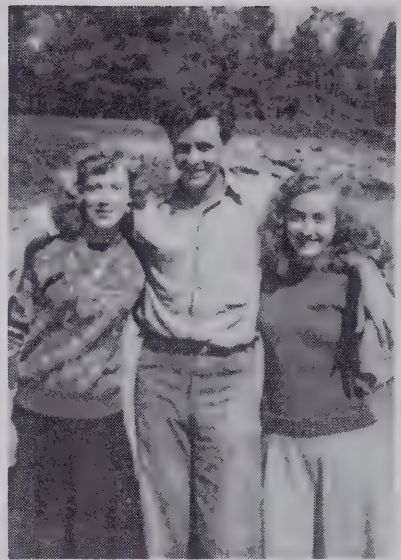
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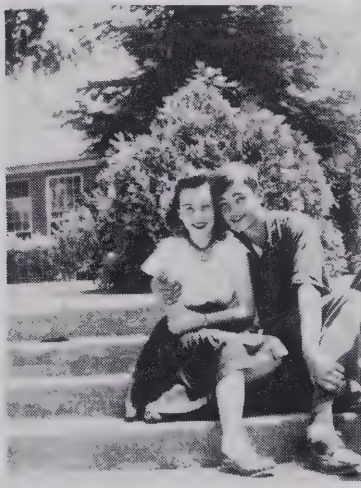
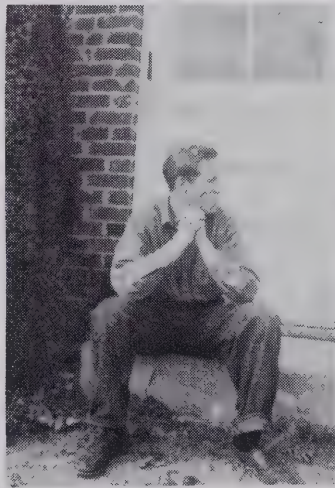
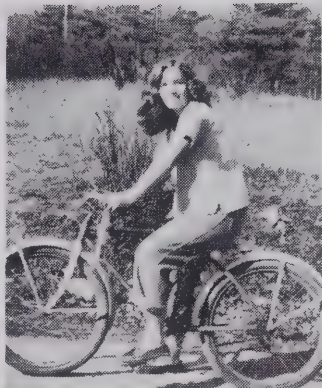
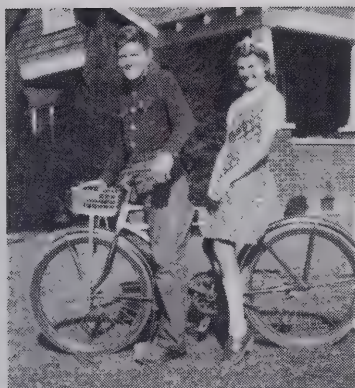
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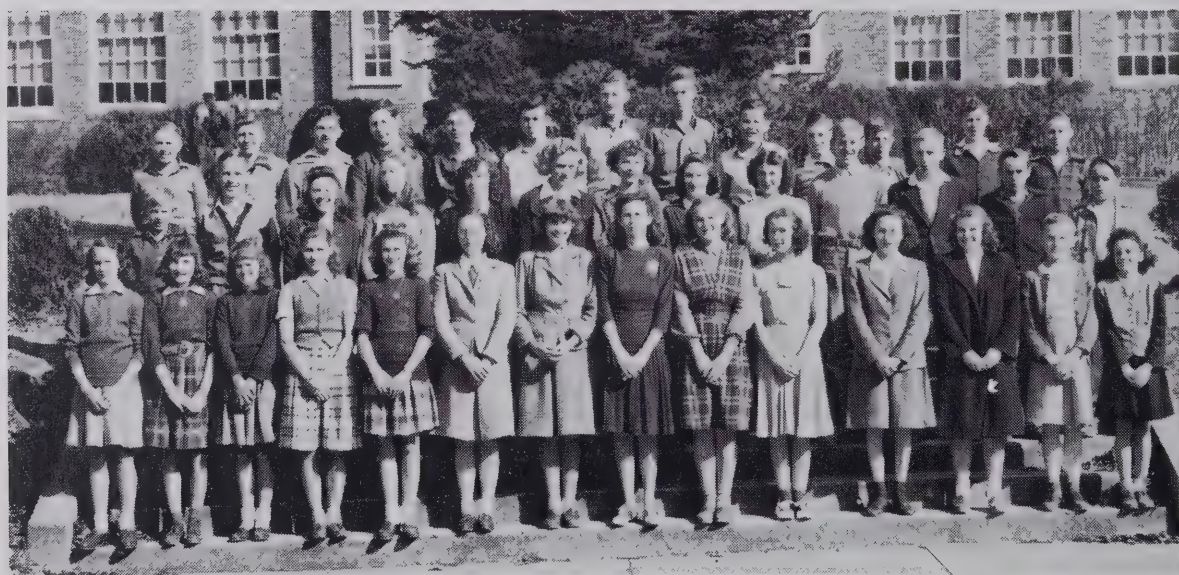




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Mrs. Crawford's Room



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Mrs. Smith's Room



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FLAT ROCK CHAPTER FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

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Robert Yelton, Charles Freeman, Mr. Franklin, Roy Duncan, J. D. Honeycutt, Dewey Patterson, and William Morrison.

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Mr. Franklin is very proud of his "All-Girl" class of '46, but there is no space for a picture of this group.



FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

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A HISTORY OF



FLAT ROCK HIGH SCHOOL

A STUDY of the history of Flat Rock High School reveals that the school and community for many years led the rest of the county in the advancement of education.

The Flat Rock School district had a local compulsory education law long before the state enacted such a statute.

The Flat Rock School district was the first in the county to levy a local tax to extend the school term and to supplement teachers' salaries.

Flat Rock was the first school in the county to teach any high school subject. The subjects of agriculture and home economics were made a part of the curriculum in the Flat Rock School before they were taught in any other school in this section.

The first school at Flat Rock was established in 1885 and was located near the present church for colored people, about halfway between Flat Rock and the town now called East Flat Rock.

About ten years later the school was moved to a house which stood at the east end of the piece of property which is now used as the athletic field of the school. The house had been occupied by the family of William Smith, a colored man, and was converted into a schoolhouse.

In 1906 a two-story, four-room, pebble-dashed house was built on the same piece of property. While this

house was being built, school was held in the building now occupied by Peace's Grocery Store. The new building, which represented an important forward step in education and which was for a number of years the best school building in the county, was first occupied in 1907. High school work was first done in the year 1908.

The main building in use today was built in 1925 and was occupied during the school term of 1925-26. Mr. J. E. Ockerman was principal of the school at the time of the construction of the new building and served in that capacity until 1932.

At the beginning of the 1927-28 term, the Tuxedo and Flat Rock High Schools were consolidated, the pupils from Tuxedo being transported to Flat Rock in a school bus. It was that same year that the school became an accredited high school in the North Carolina system.

In 1933 the Valley Hill High School was consolidated with the Flat Rock School; and the following year, the East Flat Rock High School was consolidated with Flat Rock, forming the largest high school in the county.

In the account of these consolidations, mention should be made of the principals of the three schools which lost their identity as high schools. Mrs. J. O. Bell of Tuxedo, Mrs. John Redden of Valley Hill, and Miss Bessie Steadman of East Flat Rock all unselfishly gave up the work which they loved and in which they were most proficient. They made real personal sacrifices for the cause of public education, and through the ensuing years, co-operated with the officials of the consolidated school. In their capacities as principals of their respective elementary schools they had much to do with the growth and progress of Flat Rock High School.

In 1934 the gymnasium was built, but it was not until several years later that the brick veneer walls were added to the structure. The Home Economics and Agriculture Building was built in 1938 and relieved the crowded condition in the main building.

Since Flat Rock became an accredited high school in 1927, six hundred and twenty-four boys and girls have received diplomas from this institution. Available records show that many of these young people have gone on to colleges and universities where they have done creditable work. Many others have become leaders in the business world and in the social and religious lives of their communities. The influence of this school has indeed been far-reaching and important.

The history of the school could not be told without mention of a man who spent many years of his life working unceasingly for the advancement of the school so dear to his heart. Mr. J. S. Jones accepted appointment as a committeeman of Flat Rock School in the year 1898. From that date until his death in 1939, Mr. Jones was a really great school man, and was the best friend the school ever had. During the forty-one years he served as chairman of the committee, his interest in the school was genuine and unselfish. It was largely due to his efforts that Flat Rock secured the equipment and improvements that made growth possible. The last years of his life were spent "just across the way" from the school building. He seemed to feel a fatherly pride in the work of the school. Every teacher and every child knew him and thought of him as a friend and adviser.

The people of the district rightly have a feeling of pride in the school and in what it has accomplished through the years. It is to be hoped that in this era of changing ideas about methods, means, and motives of education, Flat Rock will serve as an example of thoroughness and efficiency in the training of the young people of this day to meet the increasing demands of a complex world.



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First row, left to right: Charles Justus, Charles Lockaby, Captain; Tommy McCullough, Clayton Croom, and Robert Lockaby.

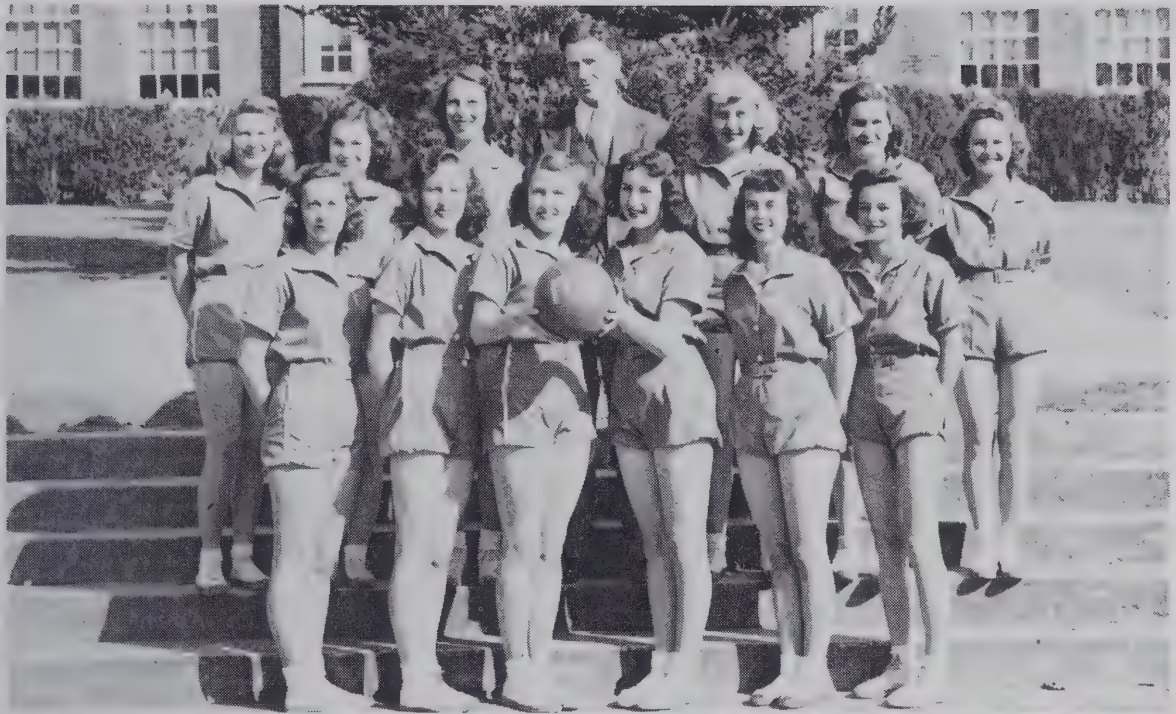
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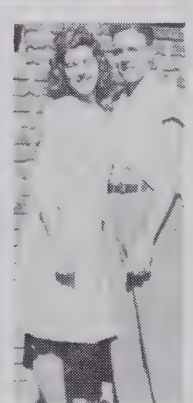
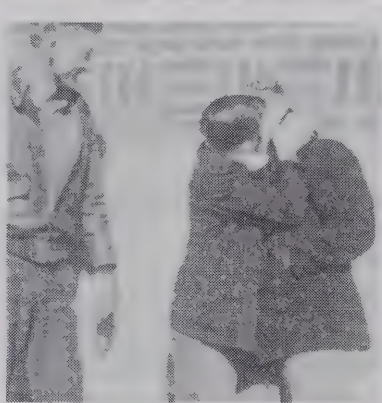
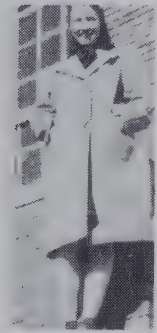
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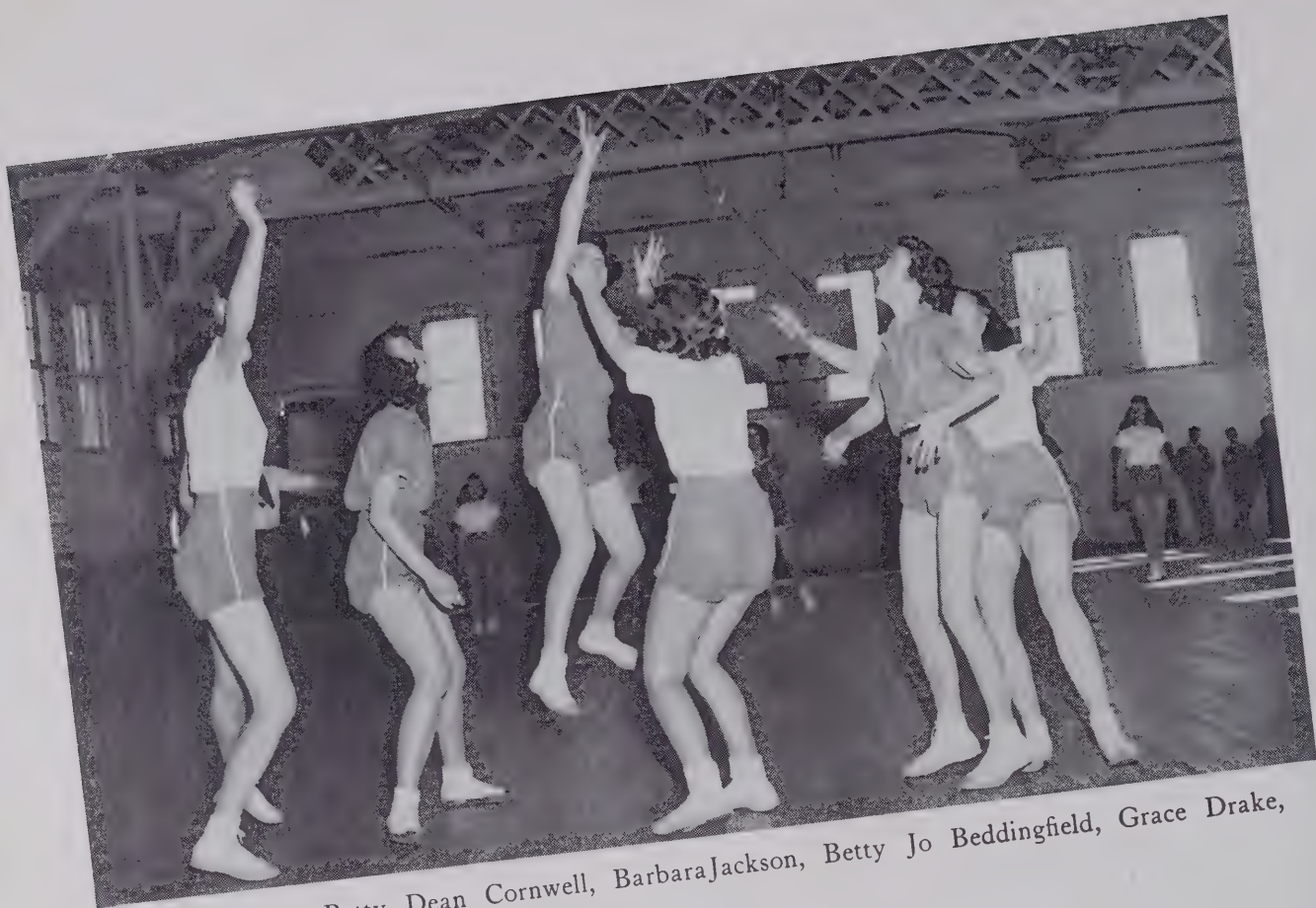
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Above: A birds-eye view of the Typing Room.
Below: View of the new Library.





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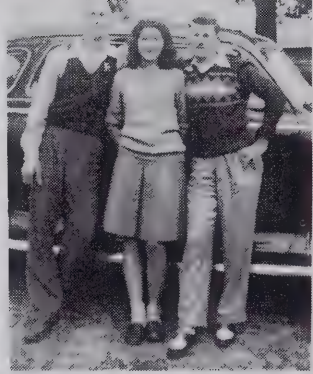


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Second row: Sara Cantini, Valma Corne, and
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Bottom row: Ralph and Nell Middleton, Dixie
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We wish to express our appreciation to all those who helped make this volume possible. The editors of the different features and the business managers have been unusually successful in securing the cooperation of many students whose names do not appear on the staff. To these especially should be given much of the credit for the literary merit and financial success of Flat Rock's first Annual.

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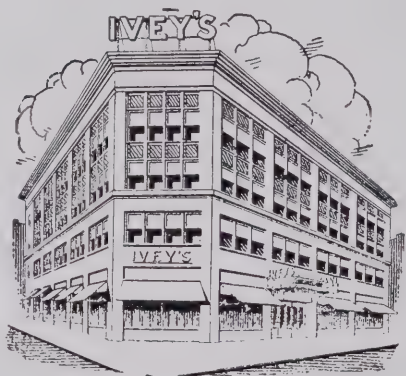
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